

Parks and Recreation Board
July 21, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
Civic Arena, 100 N. 4th Street

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Clark, Chris	(21-12)	02/11/24
	Lanham, Annette	(22-1)	02/03/25
	Luedtke, Patti	(19-1)	08/31/25
	Mooney, Scott	(9-2)	06/28/26
	Supple-Bish, Mary	(27-6)	02/03/24
MEMBERS ABSENT :	Heim, Michael	(21-12)	02/03/24
	Montegna, Eric	(8-3)	06/28/26
	Nelson, Pam	(29-4)	02/03/24
	Nelson, Scott	(17-4)	07/27/25
STAFF PRESENT:	Chuck Kempf, Director of Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Jeff Atkins, Assistant Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Kathy Brock, Civic Arena Manager Jessica Oshel, Special Events & Communication Coordinator		

Call to Order.

Chairman Chris Clark called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes

June 16, 2022, minutes approved

ITEM #3 – Updates:

a. Skateboard/Bike Park CIP Project

Committee meeting scheduled August 4 to discuss site and prepare a presentation for the council. The committee has Chuck, Jeff, Chris Clark, Scott Mooney, Brandon Rock, Judd Heald, and Connor Hayes. July 1, 2023 project funds will be available. Apply for the Land Water Conservation Grant (LWCF) they are due in February. Will have to have an environmental review of the site in October & November. The location choice and options prioritized to get to the council by the September 6 meeting. We have \$400,000 in the CIP funding, but if we can try for a couple other grants (Tony Hawk Foundation & Saris Foundation) and get them in place prior to applying for LWCF grant we can use that as part of the matching funding needed.

b. JRP Structural Survey

Senior Foundation requested a structural survey for the building underneath. We have Creal, Clark & Seifert Architects scheduled to take a look. Don't think there is any danger, but there is exposed concrete and rebar.

c. Fairview Pond/Bridge Project Update

\$1.25 million for ponds and bridges. Survey has been completed. Looking at putting together a scope of work and cost estimates. The hope is to get a lot of the work completed in the winter to keep from tearing up the course. Begin in the south by #8 dredge then #14 & #15 with moderate to light on the other ones. Hope to be done by spring. In heavy storms the course gets a lot of water and debris.

d. Aquatic Park Renovation Project

Early stages of design/build – Carruthers & Waters Edge awarded the project. Waters Edge did the work on the splash pad at Hyde. They will present an initial design to us then go to council – should be by late fall.

e. Corby Pond Update

Public Works is complete on their portion of the project. During the recent heavy rains, the pond did what it was supposed to do with the overflow. Fountains and Docks have been ordered. Evergy can't install electricity for the fountains until the 22nd Bridge is completed. Public Works will have trees planted and we will install benches and sidewalk. The CAP agreement with Missouri Department of Conservation is on Monday night's council meeting. MDC will stock with fish but will prohibit fishing for one to two years to allow for the fish to mature. They will do testing of the fish and will determine when fishing will be allowed.

f. Civic Arena Update

New video scoreboard and 3 score tables ordered and to be installed. Seats are on order. The basketball goals are in and Hillyard has done the floor. Had meeting with Carrol Seating today and the project will be 7 to 8 months to get ready for March. They will take out top seats by October 30th and hope to be done by February 13th. The plastic and alumni from seats being removed will be recycled by St. Joe Plastics. MIAA Volleyball this year in November. Need 2 courts and a 3rd for practice. Will need to see if we need to floors and stands or purchasing. Site visit next week with MISHSAA.

Chris Clark – status of floor ports and lighting.

Chuck Kempf – working on these now. The new lighting will have multi-color lights.

g. Projects

- Ballfield lighting – first week in August the bases for the lights will start being installed.
- Rolling Stock & Equipment – the only thing in our first round is we are waiting on the trash truck.
- Playground Surface – Hockman, Mary & Seitz parks are being scheduled for new surfacing.

ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events

July National Park Month – there were events at each of the facilities throughout the month. The last week of July will have things at Bode, JRP 50+ with meals and deals. Today tours at Missouri Theater had about 30 people visited.

ITEM #4 –Open Discussion

- a. Chris Clark – Do we need to get the Park Tax committee back together.

Chuck Kempf – not right now. We will be working on the next CIP Tax process. Hopefully it could be modeled after how we did the Park Tax. Smaller number of people on committee and hope to have directors allowed to rank their projects.

- b. Mary Supple-Bish & Chris Clark – Hyde Splash Pad vandalism?

Chuck Kempf – it seems to be doing good. We have had to replace the paper towel dispensers with hand driers to cut down on the toilets being vandalized. We will be looking at obtaining some new canopies for additional shade. We have had a lot of people wanting to reserve for private events. We do not allow reservations. Overall, the splash pad seems to be very popular.

- c. Chuck Kempf - River Bluff Trails did have an altercation between bikers and motorized vehicle being used on the trails.
Mary Supple-Bish – transportation issues
Chuck Kempf – Shuttle service code changed. Our hope to have something in place by next spring.
Chuck Kempf – there have been a few injuries on the trails, but most are taking their own responsibility for any injuries sustained.

- d. Chris Clark – requested that the next meeting be held at the Missouri Theater to view all the new improvements. Kathy Brock will check to make sure there won't be any issues.

ITEM #5 –Park Naming Consideration

The council passed the Park Naming Ordinance in May. We have developed guidelines and form that will need to be used for consideration. All recommendations will require 250 signatures to be considered. Submitted to Park Director, Park Board reviews, and makes recommendation to council. A copy of the guidelines will be emailed to all Park Board members.

ITEM #6 – Public Comment

None

ITEM #7 – Adjourn

A motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 18, 2022, 4:00pm** - location to be announced.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lori Frederick, Executive Administrative Assistant